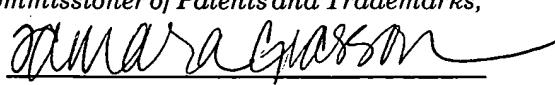




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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CALCULATION OF FEE					
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A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	40	40 *	0 X \$9.00	0
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	15	10 **	5 X \$39.00	195.00
C				SMALL ENTITY FEE = A + B LARGE ENTITY FEE = 2 x (A + B)	195.00
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE****			SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$130.00 LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$260.00	130.00
E	TOTAL FILING FEE				325.00
F	NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"			

LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 9, 11, 12 15, 19, 23, 25, 27, 32, 36, 3741, 42, and 44.

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Attached is our check for \$325.00 to pay the fees calculated above.  
 A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
 Other enclosures:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

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Commissioner:

This proposed amendment to the drawings is forwarded herewith pursuant to MPEP §608.02(r). Specifically, FIGS. 13 and 14 have been added and FIGS. 10, 11 and 12 have been amended. FIG. 13 discloses a combination of a bottle neck, cap and disk having a circular ridge and a slot formed there across. FIG. 14 discloses a combination of a bottle neck, cap and disk having a plurality of grooves extending outwardly beyond the rim of the bottle neck. FIG. 10 has been amended to correct the lead line from reference numeral 344. FIG. 11 has been amended to include a reference numeral 344 and a corresponding lead line. FIG. 12 has been amended to include reference numerals 48 and 344 and their

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corresponding lead lines. The amendments to FIGS. 10, 11 and 12 are highlighted.

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